

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration, reexamination, and allowance of the present patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. The claim amendments are made to correct inadvertant grammatical errors. Support for the claim amendments are found throughout the specification. No new matter is presented.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner has indicated that the disclosure is objected to for allegedly not providing the relationship to the parent applicatoin on the first line of the specification. However, when the instant application was filed, the transmittal letter clearly indicated in paragraph 18 an instruction for amendment of the specification to insert this information. A copy of this transmittal letter is attached for the Examiner's convenience. In the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicants have again indicated amendment of the specification in the above amendment.

The Rejection of claims 13-28 under 35 U.S.C. §112, 1st paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 13-28 under 35 U.S.C. §112, 1st paragraph as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully disagree with this allegation, however, in the interest of expediting prosecution, applicants have cancelled claims 13-28 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in a continuation application.

The Indication of Allowance of Claims 8-12

The Examiner has indicated the allowance of claims 8-12, and as these are now the only claims pending, applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the present patent application is in condition for allowance. An early indication of the allowability of the present patent application is therefore respectfully solicited.

If Examiner Rao believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of the present patent application to issue, he is invited to call on the number below.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the undersigned respectfully requests that she be contacted immediately.

Respectfully submitted,



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